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Robert Baietto, District 12
James T. Fennell, District 13
Brian Elsasser, District 14
Carol Trumpe, District 15
Brad Harding, District 16
Thomas H. O'Neill, III, District 17
Paul Rosenbohm, District 18

**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 11, 2016
6:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

Attendance was taken with the Roll Call-Pro voting system, and the following members of the Board were present: Baietto, Dillon, Elsasser, Fennell, Harding, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Parker, Pearson, Phelan, Rand, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Trumpe, Watkins and Williams, with Ardapple absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of January 14, 2016 County Board Minutes
- Approval of January 14, 2016 County Board Executive Session Minutes

The Clerk noted that the executive session minutes had yet to be mailed, and therefore would appear on next month's agenda.

Baietto moved for approval of the January 14, 2016 County Board Minutes and Watkins seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

II. CITIZENS' REMARKS

There were no citizen's remarks.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

C1. The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of December 2015 and Revenue & Expenditures for the month of November 2015.

C2. A resolution (items 1-3 conveyances; item 4 reconveyance) from the Ways and Means Committee recommending that the County Board Chairman be authorized and directed to execute deed of said property to



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the highest bidder, and be authorized to cancel the appropriate Certificates of Purchase. This resolution shall be effective ninety days from February 11, 2016 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

- C3.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a Grant Agreement between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) and Peoria County Adult Probation Department for the continued operation of the Peoria County Family Justice Center, and to amend the FY 2016 budget to appropriate funds in the amount of \$113,750.00 to the Peoria County Adult Probation Department budget.
- C4.** A resolution from your Health Public, Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a grant agreement between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) and Peoria County State's Attorney's Office for the continued operation of the Peoria County Family Justice Center, and to amend the FY 2016 budget to appropriate funds in the amount of \$192,172.00 to the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office budget.
- C5.** A resolution from your Health Public, Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a grant agreement between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) and Peoria County Sheriff's Office for the continued operation of the Peoria County Family Justice Center, and to amend the FY 2016 budget to appropriate funds in the amount of \$84,946.00 to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office budget.
- C6.** A recommendation from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the Peoria City/County Landfill budget for the time period January 2016 through December 2016.
- C7.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Peoria County Highway Department and Hollis Township for sealcoating services for Hollis Township valued at \$37,000.00 in exchange for road repair equipment valued at \$37,000.00.
- C8.** A recommendation from your Ways and Means Committee to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article II Raffles, of the Peoria County Code.
- C9.** Chairman Appointments.

O'Neill moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Baietto seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 1 nay, with Harding voting nay.



IV. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Case 006-16-Z, Petition of Jerry McDaniels.** A Rezoning request from "C-2" General Commercial to "R-2" Medium Density Residential. The petitioner proposes to rezone this parcel, with an existing single family dwelling located on it, to bring it into compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance. The parcel is located in Limestone Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. The Land Use and Infrastructure Committee concurs.

Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and Trumpe seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

- 2. Case 003-16-V, Petition of SBA Towers VI, LLC (Sally Alwan, owner).** A Variance request from Section 20-7.1.1.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires that the height of a telecommunications carrier facility shall not exceed 75 feet when located in a residential zoning district. The petitioner wishes to construct a communication tower on the subject site at a height of 160 feet. This would result in a variance of 85 feet from the requirement. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. The Land Use and Infrastructure Committee concurs.

Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and Trumpe seconded.

Trumpe stated that this is quite a distance that is asked to be approved. She noted that the tower will be practically buried in an area that has trees, and it won't stand out or look bad. She said that was the consideration when studying to approve, and she supports it.

Chairman Rand asked Mr. Wahl if there has been another variance of similar nature for a tower. Mr. Wahl said that there have been other requests in the past, but he could not remember one of this height since most towers are at 30 to 40 feet. Chairman Rand asked if the tower is for commercial use. Mr. Wahl stated that it is a co-locate tower, meaning there will be multiple users on it.

Baietto noted that the County had gotten out of the cell tower business, and asked if this had changed. Mr. Wahl described how legislation was passed about 20 years ago that deregulated them. He said that the authority was taken away from everyone in the country at that time.

The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

- 3. A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending adoption of the Organizational Review and Evaluation Study Final Report and Recommendations of the Efficiency Study conducted by Matrix Consulting Group.**

Fennel moved to approve the resolution and Williams seconded.

Mayer discussed how the resolution talks about the Board adopting the report, but it does not mean that the Board will implement, nor that it fully supports, every recommendation from the consultant the way it is written. He noted that the Sheriff has some concerns about one of the recommendations. He said that the Board would like to keep the process moving forward, it wants to look at the items, and bring in the stakeholders to talk about which items can be implemented or modified.

Chairman Rand stated that the Board neither agrees nor disavows what the report says, and none of



the constructs are being consented to.

Baietto clarified that the Board is adopting the report, but it is up to the Board to implement them.

Trumpe recommended that if people are worried about too much commitment, perhaps the wording in the resolution could be changed to recommending serious consideration of the organizational review and evaluation study.

Mayer highlighted that a lot of time was taken in committee deciding on wording, but there were no brilliant solutions.

Chairman Rand thanked the Super Committee for their work on the study.

Elsasser asked the Board if they thought the report was worth the cost. He noted that some staff indicated they didn't ask the toughest questions.

The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 15 ayes and 2 nays, with Elsasser and Harding voting nay.

4. A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of an IEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant in the amount of \$48,658.00 for the development of an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Williams seconded.

Dillon noted that there is hard work that goes into the plan and without it the County would not have been eligible for floodplain buyouts. He asked Mr. Wahl to discuss the process and why approval is needed.

Mr. Wahl explained that the plans are part of the Disaster Mitigation Assistance Act of 2000. He said that every 5 years the plans must be created, and this will be the third iteration. He mentioned that the plans are required to draw any federal funding for flood buyouts or any disaster help.

Harding inquired about the status on the floodplain buyout in Edwards. Mr. Wahl said that the contracts for grants were approved in December, and the grant applications have been signed and sent back to the state. He said the appraisal contract process has been started and will be in front of the Board in March. Harding asked what the plan does for those living in the floodplain. Mr. Wahl reported that it impacts the flood insurance rates for the County. He said that an average policy costs \$1,000 but the cost for residents is \$750 because the mitigation plan is in place along with the other flood mitigation activities. He assured that all in the Planning and Zoning Department would be working on completing the project.

Baietto requested information on the purpose of tile placement in fields and if it helps or hurts flooding.

Elsasser identified that the tiles are used on very flat land, and they drain the water away from the field to natural waterways.

Chairman Rand clarified that asking for Mr. Wahl's explanation was to show the importance of the



plans, by mitigating the future damage, buying up property, and moving it out of the way.

Dillon believed that the committee thought it was an important enough issue because it is a plan that is approved every 5 years. He thanked Mr. Wahl and his staff for work on the plan.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

5. A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the bid received from Amec Foster Wheeler, Peoria, IL, for the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Elsasser seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

6. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending adoption of Administrative Relief Hearing Procedures for Appeals related to IMRF. (*Pending Committee Approval*)

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Morris seconded.

Phelan mentioned that this process is being put in place in the event that someone wants to appeal an IMRF decision that would be rendered by County Administration.

Chairman Rand congratulated Phelan's committee on the speed in which they completed the project once the Board was made aware of the need for the procedure.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

V. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trumpe requested attendance at the Farmer's Share breakfast on March 12th at Expo Gardens at 7am. She said that for \$.85 those who attend will get sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, and orange juice. She stated that the price reflects the share the farmer gets for all of those materials.

Fennel announced that the upcoming weekend is Bald Eagle Days in Chillicothe. He said that at the Shore Acres Clubhouse all can come up and see the eagles, and attend a pancake and sausage breakfast at 7:30am. He thanked the Planning and Zoning department for coming to Chillicothe for a presentation and to answer questions about the buyout of flood prone land.

Phelan recognized Fennel for his service for the Chillicothe Fire Department, saying that there is a report in the Chillicothe Bulletin and it should be available online.

Elsasser remarked that Parker makes the best cakes, and thanked her for providing it.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman announced the meeting was adjourned.